

## STATE STOCK BANKS.

## Opinion Concerning the Assessment and Taxation of Stock in State Banks.

The Attorney General holds that a stockholder can not deduct his indebtedness from his stock.

In response to questions submitted by the Auditor of State, the Attorney General yesterday rendered the following opinion concerning State banks:

1. "To what taxation are the stock banks, incorporated under the laws of this State, subject, and how taxed?"

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In Indiana, being constructed by the State, the cedar is in excellent preservation. The relic is a rather interesting one, showing the extensive cross-ties used in those early days.

It is understood that L. L. Burnett, at one time connected with the Bee Line, will be made assistant agent of the C. & H. and I. and Air Line when the passenger offices are completed.

The stockholders of the Indianapolis, El River and Southeastern held their annual meeting yesterday and elected the following Directors: Hon. A. McDonald, S. T. Streeter, P. D. Smith, J. T. Salter, S. Huntington, of New York; T. C. Baker, Rochester, L. J. Bond and A. H. Hill, Indiana. As yet only a small portion of the road has been graded, and this on that portion adjoining the L. N. A. and C. in the coal and stone regions. The officials of the road say that the work of completing the line will be commenced in earnest in a few days.

The statement that the I. B. and W. has no St. Louis connection is untrue. This road now connects for the Mound City with the Chicago and Alton at Bloomington. With the change in the time card, which takes place tomorrow, the I. B. and W. will put on fast trains east and west. The train now leaving at 7:25 a. m. will leave at 7:15. The Omaha and Denver express will leave at 5:05 instead of 5:07 p. m. Train No. 3 will leave at 11:10 a. m. instead of 6:30 p. m.

In speaking of the recent strike on the Delaware and Hudson brought about by the discharge of color-blind engineers, the Railroad Gazette says: "Certainly the engineers have no right to say that tests shall not be used. The officers in charge of the road are responsible for its safe operation, and it is their duty to see that the tests are made. It is doubtless true that the danger from color-blindness is not a great one, because the cases are few when the color-blind is not able to distinguish signals, though he does not distinguish them by their color; but it always may happen that in circumstances will occur when he may not distinguish the signals, and it is to eliminate this chance that the tests are made. If made at all they certainly should be so made as to show whether the man knows red from green by their redness and their greenness, or only by their different degrees of grayness, so to speak."

Surprise is often expressed that the average expense of transport per railroad ton-mile should be so much lower here than in Europe, though the consumption of fuel is higher with us.

The explanation appears to be founded on at least two distinct reasons. Granting that there is a wasteful consumption of fuel on American railroads, it does not follow that in other directions, expenditure exists in other directions. Freight in Europe is handled and transported in smaller quantities than here; a larger percentage consists of manufactured or perishable articles, while the long hauls common here are practically unknown there. All these factors tend to increase the cost necessary to handle freight.

IS MR. POWERS MARRIED?

A Vexed Question That the Gentleman Is Laboring to Solve.

David J. Powers, a farmer of Franklin Township, appeared before the County Board yesterday morning with a peculiar complaint. His wife died a few months since, and David in his loneliness went away for a visit. He returned home a few days since, and found his wife's body lying in the street. He was so shocked that he had made him feel as though he was some relation to Rio Van Winkle. His eighteen-year-old daughter was the first to meet him, and she cried as she reproached him with marrying so soon after his mother's death. Mr. Powers denied this, saying that his daughter only probed him the more bitter. Even his neighbors insist upon the fact that he is married, and no amount of denial by him would convince them that they were mistaken. Everything settled down upon that point, and although certain that he was right, he somehow "felt it in his bones" that perhaps he had been the victim of a trick, and had been married to some woman without his knowledge. He said he was ready to defend himself against any woman who might claim to be his second marriage on his affections, and had come to the city to look after the matter and make some inquiries.

Local Courts.

Room No. 1—Hon. N. B. Taylor, Judge. Edward Griffith vs. Edward T. Johnson et al. Judgment and decree set aside as to defendant Griffith L. Johnson.

Max Gundelinger vs. Benjamin Davis et al. Suit on note. Judgment against defendant Flora and Samuel Moore for \$308.75, and in favor of defendant Delores Root for \$100.00.

Room 2—Hon. Lewis G. Walker, Judge. Mary Barkhart vs. Masonic Mutual Benefit Society. Suit on policy. Judgment for \$24.00.

Moritz Loth vs. Kate E. Smith. Suit on judgment. Judgment for \$75.25.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Hon. Pierce Norton, Judge. State vs. William Pitta. Petit larceny. Plea of guilty and sentenced to the State Prison for two years.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Hon. A. C. Ayres, Judge. Albert Palmer & Co. vs. Francis De Vasse. Dismissed.

Martin Bern vs. Francis M. De Vasse. Claim. Judgment for \$230.

Louisa Rodemiller vs. Marion C. Mangold. Slander. Dismissed.

Catherine Hall vs. James Murphy. Slander. Verdict for defendant.

## COURT-HOUSE LOCALS.

## Verdict for the Defendant in the Hall-Murphy Slander Suit.

A Number of Probate Matters Disposed of—Report of the Grand Jury.

The County Board yesterday allowed bills aggregating \$357.

Thomas Brock has taken out letters of guardianship for Ethel and Alice Payer, minors.

Franklin Vonnegut has given \$7,000 bonds as executor of the will of Robert Schmidt, deceased.

William A. Reading has given bond as administrator of the estate of Laura J. Connel, deceased.

The suit of Catharine Hall against James Murphy, for \$2,000 damages for alleged slander, ended in the Circuit Court yesterday evening with a verdict for the defendant. The jury was out about five minutes.

Mary A. Duden has applied for permission to erect a \$1,500 frame on Hall Place between Seventh and Eighth streets. Frank Hosbrook will put up a \$1,000 frame on the corner of Woodlawn avenue and Prospect street.

The case of W. C. Whitehead vs. the I. B. and W. Road for \$40,000 damages will come up for trial in Judge Taylor's court Monday before a struck jury. Plaintiff was injured in the same wreck with Dr. Walker, over a year ago. Preparations are being made by the attorneys on both sides for a stubborn fight.

The bill of Sheriff Carter for \$375.00 was refused yesterday by the County Board, and the case is to be taken to the higher courts. The bill is for releasing and locking up prisoners at 20 cents each. It was formerly the custom to pay these bills, but the County Board says that the law evidently does not contemplate the payment by the county.

Laura Lightfoot has applied for divorce from Thomas Lightfoot, alleging failure to provide and adultery. On the 2d of December last Thomas was arrested on complaint of Elizabeth Nutter, and in the Circuit Court a judgment for \$300 was rendered against him for the support of the child. He is now in jail. The parties were married in January, 1880.

The Grand Jury yesterday made a partial report and returned the following indictments: James McBride and Abe McKee, burglary; George Parry, petit larceny; Louis Woods, petit larceny; Aaron Wallace, petit larceny; William Pitta, petit larceny. Pitta was taken before Judge Norton and entered a plea of guilty and sent to prison for two years. He stole \$5.

The briefs in the suit of Johnston & Irwin vs. the City have been filed in the Supreme Court. This was the suit for damages against the city growing out of the flood of Pogue's Run three years ago, in which the plaintiffs recovered heavy damages. The briefs are very voluminous, and will be of interest to the legal profession because of the important points involved. The trial of the case occupied over five weeks, in Judge Taylor's room.

In the suit of Mary Barkhart vs. the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society, to collect the amount of the policy on her husband's life, Judge Walker gave judgment yesterday for \$240. Plaintiff's husband had the policy originally made payable to her, but afterwards, in some manner, obtained possession of it without her knowledge and had it made payable to him. After his death she claimed it for his estate. The society refused to pay the money over to the plaintiff, but they disregarded their instructions and paid him the full amount of the policy. Judge Walker held that plaintiff's claim was valid, and that the society should have obeyed their instructions and not to pay over the money to another person. The case is to be appealed.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were recorded on Friday, May 8, as reported by Steeg & Bernheimer, abstract compilers, 12 and 15 Thorpe Block, Telephone 108:

Nathaniel M. Morris to Charles A. Waltram, warranty deed to lot 3 in Wm. Young's corrected subdivision of outlot 32 in the city of Indianapolis, \$1,150.00.

Joseph Du Granot and wife to Isaac E. Hill, warranty deed to lot 57 and part of lot 58 in the subdivision of square 76 in the city of Indianapolis, \$100.00.

Henry University and wife to Andrew Overmyer, warranty deed to lot 4 in McLaughlin's Woodland addition to Southport, \$700.00.

Oliver S. Burdell to Jacob Huber, warranty deed to lot 1 and 2 in Wm. H. Morris' subdivision to the city of Indianapolis, \$3,500.00.

Samuel C. Moran and wife to Simon Klein, warranty deed to part of lot 12 in Blake's subdivision of square 76 in the city of Indianapolis, \$3,000.00.

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Conveyances, 7; consideration, \$11,910.00.

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